COMMUNITY ADAPTATIONS TO CITY HEAT

URBAN HEAT ACTION AND POLICY DATABASE

How are Boston, Phoenix, and New Orleans empowering residents to prepare for extreme heat?

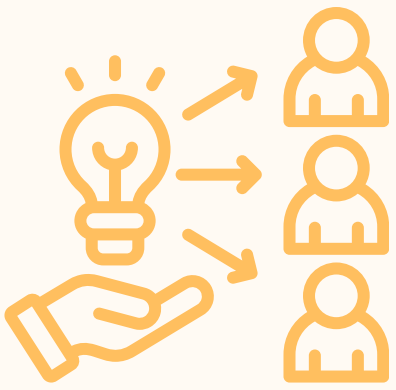


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As extreme heat intensifies, communities need more than emergency response plans. Residents also need the knowledge, skills, and leadership opportunities to help build local resilience.





Cities are using a variety of approaches to strengthen community preparedness through climate education, leadership development, and neighborhood-based initiatives.

The following examples highlight just a few ways Boston, New Orleans, and Phoenix are empowering communities to prepare for a hotter future.



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Boston

Boston's Heat Resilience Solutions Plan includes a strategy to expand community climate leadership opportunities by educating and supporting residents, nonprofit organizations, and local leaders to participate in heat resilience efforts. The initiative aims to strengthen local capacity and ensure communities are actively involved in shaping adaptation strategies.

Scan to read more about Goal 3.1, Expanded Community Climate Leadership!

🗣️ Community leadership can strengthen heat resilience planning.



Phoenix

Phoenix's Urban Heat Leadership Academy trains residents to understand urban heat risks and identify neighborhood-level solutions, empowering community members to become advocates for cooling interventions in their own communities.

Scan to read more about the Urban Heat Leadership Academy!

☀️ Residents can play an active role in shaping heat solutions.



New Orleans

Through initiatives like NOLA Ready, New Orleans emphasizes community education and preparedness training to help residents navigate heat emergencies. Programs aim to build local capacity by equipping community members with the knowledge and resources needed to prepare for and respond to extreme heat.

Scan to read more about green workforce development strategies!

📚 Community preparedness starts with education and local leadership.

Heat protections vary widely across cities — with major gaps in coverage and enforcement.

Do you know if your city has heat protection laws? Tell us!





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Making **extreme heat** impacts visible in **frontline communities.**

Working in Boston, Phoenix, and New Orleans.

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